# **Berks County LEPC**

Local Emergency Planning Committee "Partners in Preparedness"

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# Berks County Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting Minutes December 12, 2022

### **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

1. Brian Smith

2. Stephen Young

**3.** Gary Moulder

4. Ignazio Sabella

**5.** Phil Salamone

**6.** Megan Young-Kraft **7.** Bob May

**8.** Harry Adams

**9.** Richard Tornielli

**10.** Dave Bentz

**11.** Brett Miller

**12.** Donnie Swope

13. Matt Stairiker

**14.**Kevin Docherty

15. George Dula

**16.**Lyn Rodino

**17.**Alex Melendez

**18.**Andrew Harakel

19. John Phillips

# **GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE**

**1.** Mike Rowley

2. Siti Yearwood

3. Michelle Maddox

4. Austin Ebersol

# **Welcome & Introductions**

Chairperson Ignazio Sabella called the meeting to order at 1215. The meeting was held in person at 2561 Bernville Road and also virtually via Teams meeting.

Ignazio welcomed members and guests and asked that each individual introduced themselves.

#### Minutes from the September 2022 meeting

Minutes from the September 2022 meeting were disbursed prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Bob May, seconded by George Dula to approve the minutes. The motion passed and the minutes for June 2022 were approved.

#### Correspondence

No Report

#### **EHS / Tier II Submission Status**

Megan Young-Kraft reported that 339 2021 were submitted, leaving 23 reports outstanding. Income as of the meeting time is \$113,900. More letters were sent the prior week to facilities with outstanding balances

#### **Hazmat Team Report**

Phil Salamone reported 10 responses by the county spill trailers.

The hazmat team is in the process of hiring technicians for the team. Facilities that have techs are invited to encourage those techs to apply for the county team.

#### **Old Business**

Previously, Meg Young-Kraft brought to the body's attention an outline for attempting to enforce compliance of reporting. It was suggested by the body to engage the county solicitors again to find if late fees would be feasible. It was discussed and decided the fees collected would not be worth the time and effort to enforce said fees.

## **New Business**

#### **Committee Reports**

- Planning
  - o No Report
- Right to Know Requests (Sept 26 2022-Dec 12 2022)
  - o No records found for the following requests for:
    - 330 Buttonwood St., West Reading
    - 902 Pottstown Pk., Shoemakersville
    - 15200 Kutztown Rd., Kutztown
    - 5320 Allentown Pk., Muhlenberg
    - 1200 N 11 St., Reading
    - 1235 Penn Ave., Wyomissing
    - 8558 Lancaster Ave., Bethel
  - Reports from 2004-2021 for 900 Hemlock Rd., Morgantown were found and sent to the county RTK officer
  - Reports from 2004-2009 for 200 N 8 St., Reading were found and sent to the county RTK officer
- Public Education and Information
  - No Report
- Hazardous Materials Facility Liaison
  - No Report
- Emergency Response and Resources
  - No report
- Membership
  - Resolution received for new members:
    - Andrew Harakel
    - Candise Mills
    - Corey Williamson
    - John Phillips

#### **Good & Welfare**

Lyn Rodino thanked the county for facilitating a tabletop exercise with water and wastewater systems in Berks.

Mike Rowley brought forth discussion about facility security. Rich Tornielli advised facilities can sign up for the NTAS bulletins on the DHS NTAS website.

#### **2023 Officers**

For the office of President: Ignazio Sabella was nominated by Meg Young-Kraft, seconded by Kevin Docherty

For the office of Vice President: Brett Miller was nominated by Ignazio Sabella, seconded by Phill Salamone

A motion was made by George Dula, seconded by Lyn Rodino to adjourn. The motion passed; meeting adjourned at 1300. The next regular general meeting of the LEPC will be held at 1500 on Monday, March 27, 2023 at the Berks County Department of Emergency Services, 2561 Bernville Road, Reading, PA 19605, and via Teams virtual format.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan A. Young-Kraft

Recording Secretary, Berks County LEPC